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In Re : Douglas LeCrone
Serial No. : 09/966,639
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Sir:

PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)


Applicant respectfully petitions that the time to respond to an Office Action mailed December 31, 2003 be extended one (1) month to April 30, 2004. Applicant is submitting concurrently herewith a first response to the Office Action.

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